

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 1 and ending at line 27,
as follows.

a1 --A carriage portion 5, described later, is constructed above the sheet transporting section 3. The carriage portion has the printing heads 7 mounted thereon and which perform a scanning operation to eject ink to the printing sheet P for printing, the printing sheet P being transported by the pair of the transportation roller 36 and the ~~punch~~ pinch roller 37 and the pair of the sheet discharging roller 41 and the spur 42. In this printing operation, the printing sheet P that has been fed to the sheet transporting section 3 is guided to the pair of the transportation roller 36 and the pinch roller 37 by the platen 34, the pinch roller holder 30, and the upper guide 33. At this time, the PE sensor lever is operated by the front end of the transported printing sheet P, to detect the front end of the printing sheet P. Then, based on the result of the detection, a printing position on the printing sheet P can be determined. Further, an LF motor 88 drives and rotates the pair of the rollers 36 and 37 to transport the printing sheet P on the platen 34, and the transportation roller 36 has an encoder wheel 361 (see Fig. 3) mounted thereon to detect the rotary position thereof. The encoder wheel 361 is composed of a disk-shaped transparent sheet having radial markings formed thereon at predetermined pitches. The rotary position or quantity of rotation of the transportation roller 36 can be determined when an optical encoder sensor 362 (see Fig. 3) fixed to the chassis 8 detects these marks.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 21, line 1 and ending at line 3,
as follows.

A2 --Next, a printing operation performed by the above configuration will be described with reference to Figs. 1, 2, 7, and 8. Before a rear end of the print sheet P reaches to a printing area by a transportation roller (step 900), a printing is performed by step 907.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 3 and ending at line 15, as follows.

A3 --The transportation roller 36 may rest at any appropriate rotary position where the pressing force of the pinch roller 37 and rotational sliding resistance from the transportation roller 36 are balanced. In this case, if in this balanced state, a printing operation is performed by moving the carriage as in the prior art (S907), then vibration associated with this operation may clear the well-balanced stopped state of the transporting roller 36 to rotate the roller 36 during the printing operation. If the transportation roller is rotated during the printing operation, the image to be formed along the main scanning direction (carriage moving direction) may be obliquely printed to degrade image quality.--
